

Public Law 101-258  
101st Congress

Joint Resolution

Mar. 27, 1990

[S.J. Res. 237]

Providing for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower.

Whereas October 14, 1990, marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower;

Whereas Eisenhower was born on October 14, 1890, in Denison, Texas, and soon thereafter moved with his family to Abilene, Kansas;

Whereas Eisenhower developed an interest in military history early in childhood, and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, from 1911 through 1915;

Whereas in 1915, upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, Eisenhower was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to the 19th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas;

Whereas at the conclusion of World War I, Eisenhower assumed the rank of captain, and was promoted to the rank of major shortly thereafter;

Whereas in 1935, Eisenhower accompanied General Douglas MacArthur to the Philippines, where he served as a senior military assistant to General MacArthur;

Whereas Eisenhower was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel during his service in the Philippines;

Whereas Eisenhower was subsequently assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as executive officer of the 15th Regiment of the 3d Infantry Division from January through November, 1940, and as chief of staff to General Kenyon A. Joyce of the 9th Corps from March through June of 1941;

Whereas in March 1942, Eisenhower was promoted to the rank of General and named Chief of the Operations Division for the General Staff of the United States Army;

Whereas in June 1942, Eisenhower achieved the rank of Lieutenant General, and in December 1944, he became a General of the Armies;

Whereas Eisenhower served as President of Columbia University from 1948 through 1950;

Whereas Eisenhower was appointed by President Harry S Truman as Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Europe, and served in that position from 1951 through 1952;

Whereas Eisenhower was elected the 34th President of the United States on November 4, 1952, and was reelected to serve a second term on November 6, 1956;

Whereas President Eisenhower hosted 115 foreign chiefs of state and heads of government on visits to the United States, traveled to 28 foreign countries, and participated in 20 summit talks with foreign government leaders;

Whereas Eisenhower strongly supported education and promoted international understanding through education;

Whereas Eisenhower had a long and productive association with Gettysburg College, serving as a member of the College's Board of Trustees, using a campus office to write his memoirs and to fulfill the numerous duties of a former President, and receiving an honorary doctorate from the College;

Whereas after leaving office on January 20, 1961, Eisenhower retired with his wife to their farm and home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania;

Whereas Eisenhower died on March 28, 1969, and was buried in military uniform in the place of meditation on the grounds of the Eisenhower Center in Abilene, Kansas; and

Whereas throughout 1990, various public and private organizations, including the Eisenhower Society, the Eisenhower Foundation, the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute, the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program, Inc., the Eisenhower Centennial Commission, and others, will be sponsoring and conducting events across the Nation to commemorate the centennial of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That October 14, 1990, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower, is designated as "Dwight D. Eisenhower Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SEC. 2. The members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who are members of the Dwight David Eisenhower Centennial Commission, with the assistance of the other members of that commission (referred to hereinafter as the "Commission"), shall—

(1) make arrangements for a joint meeting of the Congress to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 1990, or such other day as may be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the Hall of the House of Representatives in commemoration of the centennial of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower;

(2) plan the proceedings of and issue appropriate invitations to the joint meeting; and

(3) coordinate the foregoing arrangements with the activities of the Dwight David Eisenhower Centennial Commission.

SEC. 3. The expenses of carrying out this joint resolution shall not exceed \$25,000 and shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon vouchers approved by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March 27, 1990.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 237:**

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